

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 248

By Doggett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Ashley Rutledge and the Loretto High School Lady Mustangs basketball team upon winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes and their coaches who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary athletic team is the Loretto High School Lady Mustangs basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the 2021 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state title since 1958, the Lady Mustangs defeated their archrival Summertown by a score of 49-41 as they executed their offensive game plan with precision and played tenacious defense in the championship game held in Murfreesboro at Middle Tennessee State University on March 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Loretto Lady Mustangs were led by Class A Miss Basketball and tournament MVP Karly Weathers, who was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Autumn Buttrum, Kensey Weathers, and Madelinn Tidwell; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Ashley Rutledge; and

WHEREAS, the members of Loretto Lady Mustangs basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of Loretto High School Lady Mustangs basketball team for their outstanding performance in the TSSAA Division I Class A state championship title game; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Coach Ashley Rutledge and the Loretto High School Lady Mustangs basketball team upon winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I Class A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.